GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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FACILITIES TO SPORTS PERSONS
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has provided certain facilities to sports persons participating in national and international level events during the last few years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of schemes to encourage youths in sports activities; and

(d) the details of sports personalities who were conferred national awards during the last five years alongwith the categories of those awards?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE(SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN)

(a) & (b) The Government of India supplements the efforts of recognized National Sports Federations in providing the following facilities to sportspersons participating in National and International events:

i) Financial assistance to concerned federations is provided for holding National/International sports events, for participation of sportspersons in international tournaments abroad towards passage cost, board/lodging, entry fee, hiring/transportation of equipment etc. and for providing equipment & scientific support to sportspersons for training. For this purpose, during the last three years, assistance to various recognized NSFs have been provided, as per details given below:

Year	Amount released
	(In Crore Rupees)
2002-2003	26.56
2003-2004	36.43
2004-2005	41.64

ii) Assistance to sportspersons for purchase of equipment, scientific support and training and participation within the country and abroad is also provided under the 'Scheme relating to Talent Search and Training' and the 'National Sports Development Fund'. Under the scheme relating to Talent Search & Training 68 sportspersons and under NSDF 21 sportspersons have been assisted during the last three financial years.

iii) Assistance is also extended towards out of pocket allowance, ceremonial dress, competition kit etc. for participation in major international events such as Olympics, Asian, Commonwealth Games etc.

iv) Scholarships to outstanding boys and girls are provided for nutritious diet, sports equipment support and for pursuing sports as a career. Scholarships are also given to women for undertaking research in sports related subjects.

v) Awards such as Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna; Arjuna; Dronacharya; Dhyan Chand and Special Awards to winners in international sports events are also given.

vi) Pension for life time to meritorious sportsperson, after they attain the age of 30 years.

vii) The Sports Authority of India (SAI), at present, is implementing the following sports promotional schemes in the entire country through its Regional Centres and Sub-Centres to identify talent in various sports disciplines in the age group of 8-25 years so as to train them to excel at National and International level:

National Sports Talent Contest (NSTC]
Army Boys Sports Company (ABSC)

Special Area Games (SAG)
SAI Training Centre (STC)
Centre of Excellence (COX)

(c) The above schemes are also meant to encourage youth in sports activities. During 2004, 3 4 sportspersons participated in Commonwealth Youth games held in Australia. Indian sportspersons bagged 2 Gold, 4 Silver and 5 Bronze Medals.

(d) The details of sports personalities who have been conferred national awards during last five years is given at Annexur

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 456 FOR 27.07.2005 REGARDING FACILITIES TO SPORTS PERSONS ASKED BY SH. UDAY SINGH.

List of sports personalities who were conferred national awards during the last five years.

RAJIV GANDHI KHEL RATNA AWARDEES

Year	Name	Discipline
1999	Shri Dhanraj Pillay	Hockey
2000	Shri Pullela Gopichand	Badminton
2001.	Shri Abhinav Bindra	Shooting
2002.	Ms. K.M. Beenamol &	Athletics

Smt. Anjali V. Bhagwat (Joint Shooting Winners) 2003 Mrs. Anju Bobby George Athletics

DRONACHARYA AWARDEES

Year -1999

1.	Shri Kenneth Owen Bosen	Athletics
2.	Late Capt. Hawa Singh	Boxing
3.	Shri Ajay Kumar Sirohi	Weightlifting

Year -2000

1.	Shri S.M. Arif	Badminton
2.	Shri Gurdial Singh Bhangu	Hockey
3.	Shri Phadke Gopal Purshottam	Kho-Kho
4.	Shri Bhupender Dhawan	Powerlifting
5.	Smt. Hansa Sharma	Weightlifting

Year -2001

1.	Prof. Sunny Thomas	Shooting
2.	Shri Michael Joseph Ferreira	Billiards & Snooker

Year -2002

1.	Ms. Renu Kohli	Athletics
2.	Shri Jaswant Singh	Athletics
3.	Shri M.K. Kaushik	Hockey

4.	Shri E. Prasad Rao	Kabaddi
5.	Cdr. H.D. Motivala	Yachting

Year -2003

1.	Shri Robert Bobby George	Athletics
2.	Shri Anoop Kumar	Boxing
3.	Shri Rajinder Singh	Hockey
4.	Shri Sukhchain Singh Cheema	Wrestling

ARJUNA AWARDEES

Year 1999

Sl.No.	Name of Sportsperson	Discipline
1.	Shri Gulab Chand	Athletics
2.	Smt.Gurmeet Kaur	Athletics
3.	Capt. Ris. Maj. (Retd.) Praduman Singh	Athletics
4.	Ms. Sunita Rani	Athletics
5.	Shri Pullela Gopi Chand	Badminton
6.	Shri Sajjan Singh Cheema	Basketball
7	Shri Gurcharan Singh	Boxing
8.	Shri Jitender Kumar	Boxing
9.	Shri Chiranjeev Milkha Singh	Golf
10.	Shri Balbir Singh Khullar	Hockey
11.	Lt. Col. (Retd.) Haripal Kaushik	Hockey
12.	Shri Ramandeep Singh	Hockey
13.	Shri V.J. Phillips	Hockey
14.	Shri Balwinder Singh	Kabaddi
15.	Shri Tirath Raj	Kabaddi
16.	Shri Jagjit Singh	Rowing
17.	Shri Vivek Singh	Shooting
18.	Ms. Nisha Millet	Swimming
19.	Shri Sukhpal Singh	Volleyball
20	Shri Dalbir Singh	Weightlifting
21.	Shri Ashok Kumar	Wrestling
22.	Shri Aashim Mongia	Yachting
23.	Shri G. Venkataravanappa (Phy. Handicapped)	Paraplegic-Game

Year 2000

1.	Ms. K.M. Beenamol	Athletics
2.	Shri B.K. Venkatesh Prasad	Cricket
3.	Shri Baljeet Singh Saini	Hockey
4.	Ms.Tingonleima Chanu	Hockey
5.	Smt. Anjali Vedpathak Bhagwat	Shooting
6.	Shri Abhinav Bindra	Shooting
7	Shri Sebastian Xavier	Swimming
8.	Shri J. Abhijith	Swimming
9.	Shri Randhir Singh	Wrestling
10.	Shri Kripa Shanker Patel	Wrestling
11.	Shri George Thomas	Badminton
12.	Shri C. Honappa	Kabaddi
13.	Ms. S. Vijayalakshmi	Chess
14.	Ms. Sanmacha Chanu Thingbaijam	Weightlifting
15.	Shri Yadvendra Vishishta	Athletics
16.	Shri Vijay Bhalchandra Munishwar	Athletics & Powerlifting
17.	Dr.(Ms.) Kalpana Debnath	Gymnastics
18.	Gp.Capt. R.S. Bhola	Hockey(Men)
19.	Shri Balkishan Singh	Hockey(Men)
20.	Shri Jalaluddin Rizvi	Hockey(Men)
21.	Ms. Madhu Yadav	Hockey(Women)

22.	Shri Gurbir Singh Sandhu	Shooting
23.	Late Shri K.D. Jadhav	Wrestling
24.	Shri Naresh Kumar	Wrestling
25.	Shri Milkha Singh	Athletics
26.	Smt. Rachna Govil	Athletics
27.	Smt. Vijayamala Bhanot	Athletics
28.	Shri Akhtar Ali	Tennis
29.	Shri P.V. Ramana	Volleyball
30	Shri Surender Singh Kanwasi	Rowing
31.	Shri Joginder Singh Bedi	Athletics

Year 2001

1.	Shri Parminder Singh	Basketball
2.	Shri Devendra Shreekant Joshi	Billards & Snooker
3.	Shri V.V.S. Laxman	Cricket
4.	Shri Bruno Coutinho	Football
5.	Shri Dilip Kumar Tirkey	Hockey
6.	Ms. Sita Gusain	Hockey
7	Shri B.C. Ramesh	Kabaddi
8.	Shri Kasam Khan	Rowing
9.	Shri Samaresh Jung	Shooting
10.	Shri Sandeep Kirtane	Tennis
11.	Shri Amir Singh	Volleyball
12.	Shri Ramesh Kumar	Wrestling
13.	Lt. Cdr. R. Mahesh	Yachting
14.	Shri K.R. Shankar Iyer	Athletics (PH)

Year 2002

1.	Smt. Anju Bobby George	Athletics
2.	Smt. Saraswati Saha	Athletics
3.	Shri Alok Kumar	Billiards & Snooker
4.	Md. Ali Qamar	Boxing
5.	Shri K. Sasikiran	Chess
6.	Shri Virender Sehwag	Cricket
7	Shri Inivalappi Mani Vijayan	Football
8.	Shri Shiv Kapur	Golf
9.	Shri Gagan Ajit Singh	Hockey(Men)
10.	Smt. Mamta Kharab	Hockey(Women)
11.	Shri Ram Mehar Singh	Kabaddi
12.	Shri Inder Pal Singh	Rowing
13.	Shri Anwer Sultan	Shooting
14.	Ms. Suma Sidharth Shirur	Shooting
15.	Ms. Mantu Ghosh	Table Tennis
16.	Shri Ravikant Reddy	Volleyball
17.	Shri Thandava Murthy Muthu	Weightlifting
18.	Shri Palwinder Singh Cheema	Wrestling
19.	Shri Sujeet Mann	Wrestling
20.	Shri Nitin Mongia	Yachting
21.	Shri Ramesh Tikaram	Badminton & Athletics

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Year 2003

1.	Km. Soma Biswas	Athletics
2.	Smt. Madhuri Saxena	Athletics
3.	Shri Pankaj Advani	Billiards & Snooker
4.	Km. Mangte Chungneijang Marykom	Boxing
5.	Km. Koneru Humpy	Chess
6.	Shri Harbhajan Singh	Cricket
7	Km. Mithali Raj	Cricket
8.	Capt. Rajesh Pattu (SJRP)	Equestrian
9.	Shri Devesh Chauhan	Hockey(Men)
10.	Km. Suraj Lata Devi	Hockey(Women)
11.	Shri Akram Shah	Judo
12.	Shri Sanjeev Kumar	Kabaddi
13.	Major Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore	Shooting
14.	Shri Shokinder Tomar	Wrestling
15.	Shri Madasu Srinivas Rao (Phy. Handicapped)	Badminton

DHYAN CHAND AWARDEES INSTITUTED IN 2002

Year 2002

1..	Ms. Aparna Ghosh	Basketball
2.	Shri Shahuraj V. Birajdar	Boxing
3.	Shri Ashok Diwan	Hockey

Year 2003

1.	Shri Ram Kumar	Basketball
2.	Shri Dharma Singh Mann	Hockey
3.	Shri Charles Cornelius	Hockey
4.	Shri Om Prakash	Volleyball
5.	Ms. Smita Shirole Yadav	Rowing

Year 2004

1.	Brig (Retd.) Labh Singh	Athletics
2.	Shri Hardayal Singh	Hockey
3.	Shri Digambar P. Mehendale (Phy. Handicapped)	Athletics